

II. Remarks

Support for the various amendments made to the claims herein may be found throughout the application as filed. In accordance with the Examiner's requirements set forth in the Final Office Action dated February 21, 2007, claims 4 and 15 are amended herein. More particularly, the "detector" in claim 4 has been amended to recite a "photo detector," and reference to a circuit has been deleted from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 4 and 15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph in the Final Office Action, should now be in condition for allowance.

In the alternative, applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments made to claims 4 and 15 herein so that the present application's still-pending claims will be in proper format for appeal.

Applicants also hereby notify the Examiner that on even date herewith a Notice of Appeal was filed. Applicants assert that all the still-pending claims (namely, claims 4, 8, 9 and 14-20) as amended herein are patentable over the Blasing and Benz references, either alone or in combination, as has argued previously in the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an Advisory Action at his earliest convenience respecting the present application as amended herein indicating that the amended claims have been entered for purposes of appeal, or in the alternative issue a Notice of Allowability.

III. Summary

Claims 4, 8, 9 and 14-20 remain pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone or e-mail with any questions or comments he may have.

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